

CLAIMS

1. A shoe including an upper with an upper edge, characterized by:
 - 5 a flap (7) articulated to the upper in a portion (H), situated below the upper edge (B) of the shoe (1) so that said flap can be set in a non-operation condition (I), in which an outer surface of the flap (7) is adjacent to the upper (T) of said shoe (1);
 - 10 a protection element (9), fastened to the upper edge (B) of the upper (T) and including a strip (90), which forms at least a first wing (90a) and a second wing (90b), with said protection element (9) taking an unfolded configuration (D), obtained after definition of the non-operation condition (I) of said flap (7), in which the strip (90) encloses a rear upper portion of the shoe (1) in overlapping condition with respect to the flap (7), and the first wing (90a) and the second wing (90b), enclose the sides of the shoe to be overlapped and
 - 15 locked, above the opposite edges (K) of the fore central part of the upper (T), in order to protect this portion from possible water penetration.
2. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said flap (7) takes an operation condition (O), in which said flap (7) is turned upwards to define a seat (78), and in that said protection element (9) takes a folded configuration (R), obtained before definition of the operation condition (O) of said flap (7), in which said protection element (9) is suitably folded and received by the seat (78).

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3. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that fastening means (99a,99b), are situated over the edge (900a) of said first wing (90a) and below the edge (900b) 5 of said second wing (90b), and, with the protection element (9) in the unfolded configuration (F), said fastening means (99a,99b) lock the position of said first wing (90a) and second wing (90b) over the opposite edges (K) of the fore central part of the upper (T). the 10 protection element (9).

4. A shoe as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that near the edge (70) of its inner surface, said flap (7) includes first locking means (79), and in that said 15 protection element (9) includes second locking means (97), situated in a portion below said upper edge (B), with said first locking means (79) and second locking means (97) connected together to stabilize said flap (7) in said operative condition (O), so as to keep said 20 protection element (9) suitably folded in the seat (78).

5. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that first stabilizing means (8) are connected to the sides (fi) of the bottom (F), in opposite position, and second 25 stabilizing means (80) are connected to the free edges of said first wing (90a) and said second wing (90b), and in that, with said protection element (9) in the unfolded position (D), said first stabilizing means (8) and said second stabilizing means (80) being connected to 30 removably fasten said protection element (9) to the sides (fi) of said bottom (F).

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6. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that
first stabilizing means (8) are connected to the sides
(fi) of the bottom (F), in opposite position, and second
stabilizing means (80) are connected to the free edges of
5 said first wing (90a) and said second wing (90b), and in
that, with said protection element (9) in the unfolded
position (D), said first stabilizing means (8) and said
second stabilizing means (80) couple to fasten said
protection element (9) to the sides of said shoe (1).

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7. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that
said protection element (9) is made of a waterproof
material.

15 8. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that
said fastening means (99a, 99b) are made of Velcro®.

9. A shoe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that
said first locking means (79) and said second locking
20 means (97) are made of Velcro®.